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GOI extends the ban on Imports of Poultry Products 2006

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Report Highlights:

The Indian government extended the existing prohibition on imports of some live poultry and poultry products from all countries and some poultry, pork, and, pork products from HPAI-positive countries, for another six months beginning February 6, 2006.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction:

On February 6, 2006, the Department of Animal Husbandry, and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Agriculture, issued a Gazette Notification extending the prohibition on imports of some live poultry and poultry products from all countries, and some poultry, pork, and, pork products from HPAI-positive countries for another six months.

Disclaimer:

This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final.

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** February 6, 2006
- **Effective Date:** February 6, 2006

Products Affected: Poultry, swine, other avian species, meat from other Avian species, poultry meat, biologicals, and pork meat products.

Agency in Charge:

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI.

Proposed Changes:**NOTIFICATION (as published)**

A) Per order number S.O. No. 160 (E), the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Agriculture, GOI hereby, prohibits with effect from the date of publication of this notification import into India from all countries in view of the reported outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) the following livestock and livestock products, namely:

- 1) domestic and wild birds including the captive birds (excluding poultry);
- 2) unprocessed meat and meat products of Avian species including wild birds (except poultry);
- 3) semen of domestic and wild birds;

B) Further, the central government hereby also prohibits the import into India from the countries reporting the outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (Fowl Plague) the following livestock and livestock products, namely:

- 1) live poultry;
- 2) unprocessed meat and meat products of poultry;
- 3) hatching eggs;
- 4) eggs and egg products;
- 5) feathers;
- 6) live pig and pig meat products;
- 7) pathological material and biological products from birds;

- 8) product of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or for agricultural or industrial use.

C) This prohibition shall be in force for a period of six months from the date of publication of this announcement or until such time it is modified or withdrawn, whichever is earlier.

For details about this announcement visit: <http://dahd.nic.in/flu/bffeb06.htm>

Post Comments:

The import prohibition of all products listed in A above, and for some products in B above, appears to violate OIE guidelines. This is the fourth time that the DAHD has extended the prohibition (see GAIN report IN5089).

DAHD officials have clarified that by HPAI they mean Highly Pathogenic Notifiable Avian Influenza (HPNAI), in accordance with the recent changes in the OIE guidelines.

The ban on imports of products listed in B may be lifted, provided the country reports itself HPNAI-free to the OIE.

This announcement has not yet been notified to the WTO.

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